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SUBJECT:JWGTRD MEETING, FEB 3-5, 1976

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1. APPROPRIATE U.S. AGENCIES WILL BE INFORMED OF EGYPTIAN CONCERNS LAKE NASSER/NILE RIVER PROBLEMS.

2. CARL W. CARLSON, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR ARS/USDA (FOR SOIL, WATER AND AIR SCIENCE) EXPECTED TO BE NAMED U.S. CHAIRMAN, WATER RESOURCES BEFORE END OF JANUARY.

3. RE JWG AGENDA: DISCUSSIONS WILL COVER FIVE PRIORITY  
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AREAS, INCLUDING PROGRESS, PROBLEMS AND FUTURE PLANS FOR

EACH. ALSO, NEW PROPOSALS FOR JOINT ACTIVITIES MAY BE INTRODUCED. IN ADDITION, SUGGESTED QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED INCLUDE DEFINING CONTINUING ROLE OF JWGTRD E.G. (A) SELECTION OF NEW PRIORITY AREAS, DISCUSSION OF POLICY ISSUES AFFECTING S&T COOPERATION; FACILITATION OF COORDINATION BETWEEN COMPLIMENTARY PROJECT AREAS, OR ACTIVITIES UNDER SFCP AS A WHOLE; (B) LINKING S&T PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES WITH EGYPTS OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL PRIORITIES IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH U.S. POLICY OBJECTIVES AND

TECHNICAL AGENCY NEEDS; (C) COULD ENCOMPASS QUESTION HOW JOINT COMMISSION PROJECT PLANNING RELATES TO OTHER PROJECT FUNDING PURPOSES, E.G. AID AND EGYPTIAN MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING.

4. ANOTHER QUESTION WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED IS FUNCTIONING OF S&T AGREEMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION WE NOTE THAT GOE HAS NEVER NOTIFIED USG OF COMPLETION OF THEIR LEGAL REQUIREMENTS SO AS TO ALLOW ENTRY INTO FORCE. WE DO NOT WISH TO HAVE AN EMPTY AGREEMENT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE NEED TO DEFINE ITS APPLICABILITY TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND TO ANSWER SUCH QUESTIONS AS, NEED TO RELATE SFCP DOCUMENTS AND AGENCY MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING TO S&T AGREEMENT. (SAME APPLIES TO HEALTH AGREEMENT

5. IT WILL BE MOST HELPFUL IF THE EMBASSY CAN ELICIT THE EGYPTIAN REACTION TO USEFULNESS OF DISCUSSING THE ABOVE QUESTIONS. EMBASSY'S OWN REACTION ALSO REQUESTED. AFTER DETERMINATION OF WHICH OF ABOVE SUGGESTIONS APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION, WE WILL SEND DRAFT SPECIFIC AGENDA.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY ALSO QUERY ISMAIL PRIVATELY AND INFORMALLY ON WHETHER HE BELIEVES DISCUSSION OF FEASIBILITY ESTABLISHING AGREED GUIDELINES FOR OVERHEAD AND SALARY DIFFERENTIAL PAYMENTS TO EGYPTIAN SFCP INVESTIGATORS, WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION. IF SO WOULD PLENARY SESSION OR INFORMAL DISCUSSION BE APPROPRIATE. FYI: WE WILL SOON BE INVENTORYING CURRENT USG AGENCY PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES IN THIS AREA TO IDENTIFY SIGNIFICANT DIVERGENCIES. WE THINK RAISING THIS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISMAIL CAN SIGNAL OUR DESIRE TO MEET EGYPTIAN CONCERNS, BUT WE ARE NOT PRESSING TO INCLUDE IT IN PLENARY IF IT WOULD BE AWKWARD. END FYI.

7. SOCIAL AND LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS OUTLINED IN REFTTEL ARE APPRECIATED. U.S. DELEGATION WILL WANT TO HOST OFFICIAL DINNER AND/OR LUNCH. REQUEST EMBASSY DECIDE WHICH EVENTS MOST APPROPRIATE AND MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGE-

MENTS. NSF IS PREPARED TO MEET REPRESENTATIONAL COSTS  
FROM ITS LOCAL AUTHORIZATION IF EMBASSY AGREES SUCH  
EXPENDITURE IS APPROPRIATE. NSF WILL ALSO PAY FOR LOCAL  
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